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Battle mind

Training mentally arms Soldiers for combat

By CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN
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Upon arriving to Fort Jackson for Basic Combat Training, new Soldiers are issued all the equipment they need to survive. But among the Kevlar, body armor and weapons, these Soldiers are issued nothing to protect their minds.

This week, battalion cadre gathered to learn Battlemind Training — a program aimed at doing just that.

Michael Rinehart, with the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and Michael Hagan, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, said their goal this week was to advise cadre — including company commanders, drill sergeants and instructors — how to teach the Battlemind program to

their Soldiers. The training was also given to Soldiers in the Drill Sergeant School.

The purpose of the program, said Hagan, is to teach Soldiers how to “face fear and adversity in combat with courage.”

Battlemind, which has been around for two years, was initially given to Soldiers prior to deploying and upon redeployment. Now, the Army is taking a “lifecycle” approach to the training by integrating it into BCT.

“We realized long ago, you have to build a foundation,” Rinehart said. “We can’t keep sending bodies where we haven’t prepared their minds to go.”

Hagan added, “We’ve given (Soldiers) the armor, we’ve given them the best equipment. The problem is we haven’t armed their minds.”

The training is divided into five parts, with specific training for junior leaders, mid-grade leaders, senior leaders and pre-command. In addition, there is also a presentation for warrior resiliency, or “psychological first aid.” Each training module includes a presentation, detailed lesson plan, handouts and a training support package.

This is the first time the training has been given in a basic training environment, Rinehart said. He and Hagan will be traveling to each of the other Army training installations to give the training there as well.

Rinehart said it is important that people not dismiss Battlemind as something necessary only for Soldiers going directly into combat.

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Family covenant renewed



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

From left, Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson commanding general, Post Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall, Scott Nahrwold, deputy garrison commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson renew their commitment to Army families by re-signing the Army Family Covenant during a ceremony yesterday at the Solomon Center. The covenant was first ratified Nov. 19, 2007.

Have a hurricane plan in place

Much simpler than the categories in which hurricanes are sized up, there are only two ways to measure our readiness in dealing with serious storm threats. We are either prepared or we are not.

Let's say, for example, if you have a hurricane emergency kit, but your family does not have a hurricane communications plan, then you fall into the category of not being prepared.

I offer this thought mainly to serve as a reminder that the hurricane season is once again here, and it will run through November. That's almost a six-month window in which there is a good possibility that some nasty weather could threaten the Midlands.

Forecasters are predicting a normal Atlantic hurricane season this year, saying there is a 70 percent chance of having nine to 14 named storms, including three major hurricanes, which includes hurricanes of category three or higher.

A few weeks back, we conducted an exercise for two days on post, fine-tuning the procedures that we follow in an emergency situation.

It involves many of our agencies working in a simultaneous, coordinated and efficient manner to ensure the maximum amount of protection and resources are af-

BRIG. GEN. BRADLEY W. MAY

*Fort Jackson
Commanding
General*



forded to our Soldiers, family members and civilian workforce should disaster strike.

I can't say enough about the importance of preparation and the need to be ready. Bottom line, we need to be able to execute and execute smoothly on short notice.

You need to be able to put your personal plans in action as well.

Emergency situations, such as storms, power outages, — and even an outbreak of influenza — could happen anywhere, anytime. And many have the potential to escalate into disasters.

This concept of preparedness is something we have been stressing since last fall when the Army launched its

Ready Army program — a proactive community awareness campaign to empower our Army communities so that we can develop individual and family plans for all types of hazards. Ready Army utilizes consequence and crisis management.

In order to be Ready Army, you will need to get a kit, make a plan and stay informed. Families should put together portable emergency kits that include items for family members with special needs and for pets. Some of the items that you will need to include in the kit are at least a three-day supply of water and nonperishable, easy-to-prepare food, a manual can opener, flashlight, a first aid kit and important papers.

The Web site for Ready Army — <http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/> — offers some excellent advice on everything that you should include in your kit. Meanwhile, your plan needs to take into consideration a family communications procedure because there might be a good chance that your family members could be in various places.

Knowing how to stay in touch with one another will eliminate fear and confusion should disaster strike. And, most important, practice your plan and stay informed.

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SGLI; in-processing; indoor pool use; spouses' education

What action do I take to cancel my children's coverage under the Family Service Member's Group Life Insurance?

No action is necessary. A dependent child is automatically covered under the Family SGLI on the date the child becomes a dependent. The coverage will automatically terminate when the Soldier completes and submits the Family Coverage Election Form SGLV 8286A, or when the dependent child no longer qualifies as a dependent.

I recently arrived at Fort Jackson, and would like to know how much time I have for in-processing?

Soldiers in-processing the installation have five duty days in which to complete the installation and community level in-processing. Deviations from the standard five days require prior approval of the installation commander. For additional guidance, see AR 600-8-101, Personnel Processing (In-Out, Soldier Readiness, Mobilization, and Deployment Processing).

Who can use the indoor swimming pool on post?

Active duty, retired service members, reservists, DoD civilians, contract employees, and their family members are eligible to use the indoor pool and take scheduled classes. The swimming pool hours are Monday-Friday from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4:30-7 p.m. There is no charge to use the pool.

I am a military spouse who is planning on going back to school. Is there any funding available to help me pay for educational training?

Yes, the Military Career Advancement Account, or

COL. LILLIAN A. DIXON

*Fort Jackson
Garrison
Commander*



MyCAA, program managed by Military OneSource, provides up to \$6,000 for training military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve service members. Military spouses must apply online at www.militaryonesource.com/mycaa.

MyCAA is for eligible military spouses worldwide to offer financial assistance to help pay for licenses, certifications and education in high growth, high demand portable career fields. This program is available to all military spouses, regardless of rank. This money will be set up in an account managed by Military OneSource and the spouse can activate the account by contacting Military OneSource when financial assistance is needed.

Spouses will also be assigned a Military OneSource education counselor to help with career selection and arrange for payment of tuition. For more information, call 751-4862.

GARRISON FACT OF THE WEEK

Swimming is a lifetime sport that benefits the entire body and person. Regular swimming builds endurance, muscle strength and cardiovascular fitness.

To submit questions for the "Ask the Garrison Commander," call 751-2842, or e-mail scott.nahrwold@conus.army.mil.

BCT cadre to teach Battlemind to Soldiers

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“That’s a misconception,” he said.

Hagan added, “When you look at the Battlemind principles, they help (Soldiers) survive in basic training, they help (Soldiers) survive in garrison. It’s more of a holistic approach. It’s more of a lifestyle change.”

Capt. Curtis Brooker, commander of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, shared a similar sentiment.

“New Soldiers do not know what to expect and don’t know what to ask. The training gives them an idea of what to expect and they can start mentally preparing for what lies ahead,” said Brooker, who attended the training this week.

As for those Soldiers who may not deploy, “It should give them a better understanding what the combat veterans are going through and how to interact with them. It could also key them in on symptoms of a Soldier who is having a tough time handling the transition back to society,” Brooker said.

Staff Sgt. Erick Mejia, a drill sergeant with Company C, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), said the training showed how he and other cadre can teach Soldiers



CAMPAIGN PLAN FOCUS

Battlemind training is recognized in the Fort Jackson campaign plan under several major objectives (3.1; 3.3; and 7.1 on the strategy map). Education and resiliency programs are recognized as an important aspect of training and quality of life, two of the campaign plan’s three lines of operation.

to be ready for the type of mental stress they may encounter.

“I think it is very important,” he said. “If you train them here to accept that they’re going to see some pretty horrible things, it helps them get mentally ready.”

Although the training was not available to Mejia when he deployed to Iraq in December 2005, he said it would have been helpful.

“I lost battle buddies over there,” he said. “Some of the

Soldiers I went over there with came back blaming themselves.”

Like Brooker, he said he thought the training is also beneficial in helping Soldiers identify problems they might see in a battle buddy.

Brooker, who has deployed twice to Iraq, said the Battlemind training complements what BCT Soldiers currently learn during training.

“I think we do really good job of preparing Soldiers physically and tactically for combat. While we test them mentally through the rigors of Basic Combat Training, I’m not sure we completely prepare them for all the stressors they will face in combat,” he said.

“That being said, there are going to be things we can’t simulate. For example, you can’t simulate watching your buddy die. I think Battlemind helps outline some critical areas that will better prepare Soldiers before they deploy. This way the Soldiers don’t feel alone when they are in combat.

“They can rest a little easier knowing that it is normal to be afraid.”

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Soldiers helping Soldiers



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson commanding general, addresses attendees of the Army Emergency Relief campaign closing ceremony Tuesday at the Joe E. Mann Center. Fort Jackson Soldiers donated more than \$270,000 to AER. AER is a private non-profit organization that helps Soldiers during financial emergencies.

Volunteer of the year



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Amy Scarpulla accepts her award as family member / civilian volunteer of the year from Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson commanding general, left, and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall at the volunteer recognition reception yesterday at the Solomon Center.

Fort Jackson college grads honored in on-post ceremony

By **CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Nine college graduates were recognized in a ceremony at the Main Post Chapel yesterday.

The students were the first recognized in what organizers hope becomes an annual occurrence.

"We understand the schools have their own graduations, but we decided as a committee to recognize the military members who have graduated," said Wilfred Jeffcoat, director of military programs for Midlands Technical College and ceremony chairman.

Students from several of Fort Jackson's tenant institutions, including Midlands Tech, University of South Carolina, Troy University and Webster University participated.

Participating graduates, who graduated anytime during the 2008-2009 school year, were recognized for earning either their associate's or master's degree.

Shirley O'Neal, education services officer, said the purpose of the ceremony is to provide those students working with on-post institutions a special recognition.

"Sometimes they get lost in the crowd, so I wanted it to be an event where we say, 'Congratulations, job well done,'" she said.

She said she also wants the special recognition to serve as an incentive for students to continue their education while assigned to Fort Jackson.

"I'm hoping it will enhance and promote others who want to continue their education," she said.



Photo by DELAWESE FULTON

Shirley O'Neal congratulates Staff Sgt. Angela Wasson during yesterday's ceremony.

O'Neal, who spoke at the recognition ceremony, told the graduates that receiving their degrees was an accomplishment.

"This is a stepping stone," she said. "I commend all of those who took that step, because it is a big step."

Jeffcoat said he is proud of all the graduates, and as an Air Force retiree, he knows the hard work involved in working full-time while pursuing a degree.

"I had to work and get my master's, bachelor's and associate's," he said. "I know that those students have worked hard, and they deserve all the recognition they can get."

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Photo by KEITH DAVIS, DOIM

Col. Robert Manning presents Charles Green Sr. with the Adjutant General's Corps Civilian of the Year award Friday at the NCO Club.

AG Corps marks birthday in style

By **2ND LT. DANIEL NIX**
and **2ND LT. DANIEL UNDERWOOD**
120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception)

Almost 600 Soldiers and guests celebrated the inception of the Adjutant General's Corps at the organization's National Regimental Ball at the NCO Club last week.

The event offered attendees the opportunity to celebrate the heritage of the AG Corps, socialize and recognize and honor Soldiers. The ball's theme — "The Adjutant General's Corps NCO: Past, Present, Future" — was a tribute to noncommissioned officers and a nod to this year's designation as "Year of the NCO."

Among the attendees were Col. Robert L. Manning, chief of the AG Corps, and Command Sgt. Maj. Darlene C. Hagood, the Corps' command sergeant major. Soldiers, including several currently on deployments, came from all over the world to attend the event.

Entertainment was provided by "Pershing's Own" Strolling Strings and the 282nd Army Band. The Strolling Strings have played for every president since Eisenhower, as well as European royalty. The dozen or more violinists and violas moved amongst the tables playing everything from "Rocky Top Tennessee" and Louis Armstrong's, "What a Wonderful World" to traditional songs like "God Bless America."

The group's final song was "Happy Birthday" which was played as Pvt. Andrus Marty and retired Master Sgt. Patricia Hickerson used a sabre to cut the ceremonial cake in traditional fashion.

Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciotola, III Corps and Fort Hood command sergeant major, served as the event's guest speaker.

Among those honored and recognized were Capt. Andre Watson, Officer of the Year, Alexandria, Va.; Chief Warrant Officer 2, Qasim Sattar, Ft. Rucker, Ala.; Warrant Officer of the Year; Staff Sgt. Serana D. Pickett, Hawaii; NCO of the Year; Spc. Melissa L. Pugh, Fort Polk, La.; Soldier of the Year; Charles E. Green Sr., Fort Hood, Texas, Civilian of the Year.

Housing Happenings

□ MAYORS NEEDED: The Mayoral Council is looking for volunteers to serve as mayor and vice mayor for the Fort Jackson housing community. We currently have vacancies for mayors in PT 2, PT 4 and Howie Village. Vice mayor vacancies are in all housing areas. Being a part of the council allows residents to be a voice for the community and bring ideas and suggestions to improve the quality of life while residing on post. Anyone interested in becoming a mayor or vice mayor should contact Vickie Grier, at 751-7567. Make a difference. Represent your community by becoming a mayor or vice mayor

today.

□ Demolition is complete and site work is still ongoing in the Community Center and the adjacent JNCO homes. Plumbing and concrete is expected this week. A total of 32 homes are down in this area to date.

□ Site work, plumbing, and concrete continue in the SO area.

□ Site work has started in the FGO area.

□ Phase 1 demolition is completed in the CGO area with 24 units down and cleared to date. Site work is ongoing in this area.

□ Full abatement continues in the rest of Phase 1 with demolition following close behind.

□ Two neighborhood huddles are scheduled for this month; Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. and June 18, 10 a.m. The topic for June's meeting will be "yards." Questions, concerns and suggestions regarding yard maintenance will be addressed. The monthly huddles are a chance for residents to express any concerns. The huddles will take place in the Balfour Beatty Community Management Office conference room.



Photo by DAVID SHOEMAKER, FMWR

Zac Brown performs for members of the Fort Jackson community during a free concert last week at the Solomon Center.

Show wows fans despite weather woes

By JOSH VASSALLO

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The threat of severe weather failed to dampen the spirits of concert fans who stood in line for four hours last week to see the Zac Brown Band perform on Fort Jackson.

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation provided the free concert to all DoD ID card holders and their guests.

Though originally scheduled for a 7 p.m. start at Hilton Field, the concert was moved to the Solomon Center because of heavy rain.

Despite the weather, spirits remained high. After catching a Zac Brown Band promotional T-shirt that had been tossed into the crowd, concertgoer Kayla Woolman, gave the shirt to a woman in front of her in line.

Kayla and her brother, Pvt. Kenneth Woolman, were issued backstage passes for the gesture. Once backstage, the siblings had their photo taken with the band.

"We're proud to do anything we can. We're glad to be here," said lead vocalist Zac Brown, regarding the military audience.

The two-hour concert began with Zac Brown Band's rendition of "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," an homage to the Charlie Daniels Band, who performed at Fort Jackson last year. The set list also included original hit songs, "Chicken Fried" and "Whatever it is."

"Chicken Fried" has been nominated for Country Music Television's "Group Video of the Year."

National Safety Month efforts focus on NCOs, summer safety

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has combined National Safety Month with the Year of the NCO campaign by honoring noncommissioned officers for their commitment to keeping Soldiers safe.

"National Safety Month is a great opportunity for all of us to pause in our activities and ask ourselves how we can be safer in everything we do," said Brig. Gen. William T. Wolf, director of Army Safety and commander of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

"This also provides us an excellent opportunity to show the invaluable service our noncommissioned officers provide in looking out for Soldiers' well-being."

Throughout his career, Wolf said he has had many remarkable leaders at every level who have gone above and beyond to stay engaged with their Soldiers to ensure their safety and well-being but there is one NCO whose engagement with his Soldiers really made a difference.

"I have been very fortunate to work with many great noncommissioned officers over my career. But the one NCO who has made a lasting impact on shifting the safety climate and culture across our Army is Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell, the first command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center," Wolf said.

"Tod's genuine concern and love for Soldiers and his unwavering commitment to educating leaders and Soldiers on risk mitigation is unrivaled. He has left an indelible mark on me and every Soldier he has encountered across the

force."

To celebrate the important role NCOs play in keeping Soldiers safe, the USACR/Safety Center has launched a Web site dedicated to noncommissioned officers and their role in preserving our force.

The site will feature short video vignettes of NCOs talking about what they do or have done to keep their Soldiers safe or what it means to them to be an NCO in today's Army.

"What this Web site illustrates is that our NCOs are frequently the first line of defense when it comes to protecting our Soldiers from an accident," Wolf said. "They recognize that an important part of their job is caring for the welfare of Soldiers and their families."

During National Safety Month and throughout the summer, officials at the USACR/Safety Center are encouraging Leaders at all levels to visit the new NCO site and, while there, click into the Safe Summer 2009 campaign Web site. Clicking on the Safe Summer 2009 logo at <https://safety.army.mil> opens a virtual tool box full of summer safety-related videos, articles and posters that will help all Soldiers keep themselves, their buddies and their Families safe.

"We must continually remind Soldiers of the increased hazards associated with their off-duty, summer activities and remain engaged throughout this high-risk summer season," Wolf said. "Stay safe, have fun and continue to do your part to protect our band of brothers and sisters this summer and always."

For more information visit <https://safety.army.mil>.

Fort Jackson issues H1N1 update

Fort Jackson Leader staff report

A Fort Jackson Soldier is currently being cared for in isolation under direct observation by Moncrief Army Community Hospital personnel after tests indicated he has contracted H1N1 flu.

The Soldier is the fourth confirmed case of H1N1 on Fort Jackson since mid-April. He will be kept in isolation until he no longer is symptomatic.

The Soldier complained of flu-like symptoms Monday, and subsequently tested positive for Type-A flu on a rapid flu test.

When a patient tests positive for Type-A flu, the patient's specimen is sent directly to South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for further evaluation. The results are usually known within 24-48 hours.

On Monday, Fort Jackson received test results for another Soldier who had originally tested negative for the flu on the rapid flu test during the last week of May.

The Soldier has since recovered and is no longer a concern in regard to the H1N1 virus.

When a Soldier tests negative for H1N1, as this Soldier had done, the

specimen is sent to Eisenhower Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Ga. for confirmation. It may take up to two weeks for results to be returned because of the high volume of tests.

There have only been two other isolated cases of H1N1 since mid-April involving Fort Jackson personnel.

There have been no known secondary cases associated with any of the Soldiers and there is no immediate risk to personnel and family members at Fort Jackson.

The chain of command will notify the community of any significant changes to the current situation.

LEADER DEADLINES

- ☐ Article submissions are due two weeks before the scheduled publication. For example, an article for the June 25 *Leader* must be submitted by today.
- ☐ Announcements are due one week before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the June 25 *Leader* must be submitted by June 18.

Loss of friend, colleague mourned

Elaine McShepard, known to many Fort Jackson Soldiers and civilian employees as a special friend, co-worker, and employee, died May 6 at Palmetto Health Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia.

Elaine was employed at Fort Jackson from July 1968 to March 2009. She is remembered by many on Fort Jackson as a woman of character, elegance, compassion, knowledge and selflessness.

She loved talking and sharing with anyone who came in contact with her information about her knowledge of the Bible and inspirational books. She gave wonderful advice and had a genuine caring spirit for everyone.

To start a conversation with Elaine, you

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Cheryl Jackson
Army Community Service

needed to have lots of time, because she had lots to say.

As she drove to post each day, those who knew her would not dare wave to her, because her eyes were always on the road, not wanting to make any mistakes.

Her office was always full of life with beautiful plants and flowers, which she loved, and she had a name for each one of them.

She loved to cook and bake and would gladly bring co-workers and friends a pie

or special dish after hearing them say, “Oh how I loved your dish.”

She has left a lasting impression on those she has worked with over the 40 years she has been part of the Fort Jackson family.

She worked with the Civilian Personnel Office; the Directorate of Resource Management; the Fort Jackson Installation Courts and Boards; the Administrative Support Branch of the Adjutant General’s Office; and the Directorate of Human Resources.

Her last assignment was as administrative assistant for the 1st Basic Combat



McSHEPARD

Training Brigade (now the 193rd Infantry Brigade), where she provided service to four different brigade commanders.

Elaine was married to retired Sgt. 1st Class Randell McShepard. They have one daughter, Regina Thompson, who lives in Columbia. Her sister, Cora Easter Hill, is employed at Moncrief Army Community Hospital.

Elaine was an exemplary employee and dedicated to her job, friends, co-workers and supervisors during her long tenure as a DA civilian, and she will be deeply missed by all.

Values band service members across time

NORMANDY, France — As I walked through the American cemetery at Omaha Beach here, I found it difficult to wrap my mind around a battle so large and so brutal. I imagine, as thousands of Soldiers poured onto these beaches 65 years ago, the magnitude of the conflict must have been overwhelming to them as well.

I suppose that for many people, an invasion like D-Day is so far removed from reality it starts to become just a series of old photos or film footage, or a favorite scene in a movie.

But for others, the connection to Normandy is as real as the blood flowing through their veins. For some of the Soldiers who have come to pay their respects to the veterans of D-Day, it is more than just a bond between Soldiers. It is a family bond.

I have worked with Spc. William Hubbard, a native of Richmond, Va., and command group driver for the 18th Military Police Brigade, for more than six months now, but until we spoke at the cemetery at Omaha Beach, I had never heard Hubbard recount the story of his great-uncle, “Chief” Chavis.

Chavis was among the men who stormed the beaches here 65 years ago. Hubbard said his uncle manned a landing craft on D-Day, transporting platoon-sized groups of Soldiers to the beach. For Chavis, Hubbard tells me, June 6, 1944 was “the hardest day of his life.”

As I hear Hubbard talk about his uncle and how difficult that day was for him — how difficult I imagine it

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Spc. Adrienne Killingsworth
Army News Service

was for every Soldier that day — I begin to wonder about Soldiers then and Soldiers now.

The generation of men who fought in World War II was undoubtedly different than the generation of men and women who fight today. American society 65 years ago was different than American society today.

But aside from society, what about the values of Soldiers? Surely they can’t be much different, then or now, I thought to myself. We live the Army Values. We live loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. These values are timeless, I tell myself.

As Hubbard tells me more about his great uncle, I try to imagine the scene in my head. I try to place myself in his boots.

“He would lower the ramp and have to watch as maybe one or two of the 20 Soldiers made it to sand,” Hubbard said.

And then he had to head back to the main ship, rinse off his boat, sweep away any evidence of what had just happened and bring back the next group of Soldiers.

I think about the job Chavis did that day. It was not glamorous and certainly not one to be envied, but he did it. As difficult as it must have been, it was essential.

Then Hubbard says aloud what I had been thinking myself.

“It ... makes me wonder if I could suffer through something like that,” he said.

As I mull this idea over in my head, I think to myself that perhaps what Hubbard and I have failed to consider is that our connection to D-Day is even more than just family or occupation. It is a connection of ideals.

We each raised our right hands and took the oath to serve our country. It takes a rare person to be willing to sacrifice everything for his or her country. It takes courage when you know the risk you face.

As one of thousands of Soldiers who volunteered to enter the Army during a time of war, I reached a point in my decision-making process where I had to ask myself how much I would be willing to sacrifice.

Not knowing if today’s war would turn for better or for worse, I had to ask myself if I was willing to take the risk.

Like every other service member, I chose my values over everything else. I chose my country and my fellow Soldiers over myself.

Hearing Hubbard’s story about his uncle, I have come to the conclusion that while wars may be fought differently now than they were 65 years ago, the troops who fight in them have not.

So, as we remember the men who fought so valiantly and the thousands who lost their lives 65 years ago, we cannot fail to remember those who follow in their footsteps and fight so bravely today in their honor.



Drill sergeant is a Soldier’s Soldier

Rank, name
Sgt. 1st Class Jonas Boggess

Unit
Company C, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment

Military Occupational Specialty / Job title
63X, maintenance supervisor/drill sergeant

Years in service
20 years

Family
Married, three daughters

Highest education
Some college



Photo by DELAWESE FULTON

Sgt. 1st Class Jonas Boggess, a 20-year Army veteran, said he is working toward becoming a first sergeant.

NCO spotlight

Sgt. 1st Class Jonas Boggess loves being a Soldier. He said he has thoroughly enjoyed his military career.

He has been assigned to Monteith Barracks (now defunct) in Fuerth, Germany; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Camp Humphreys and Camp Carroll, Korea; Fort Hood, Texas; and Fort Jackson.

He has been deployed to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq.

“The culmination of everything and everyone throughout the years — the good and bad” has influenced me as a Soldier,” he said. “I have learned and grown

from (it) all and continue to do so.”

Boggess is working hard toward becoming a first sergeant. He advises junior enlisted Soldiers to enjoy their military career while it lasts.

“It goes by too fast. I am not looking forward to retiring any time soon,” Boggess said.

We salute you!

The NCO Creed

No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as “the backbone of the Army.” I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as a noncommissioned officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own.

I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers.

I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

Acts spread God’s word through music

By **CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Darby Field was transformed into a sanctuary Saturday afternoon as Soldiers, retirees, civilians and guests clapped their hands and swayed during a free gospel concert.

In addition to Grammy-nominated singer and producer Troy Sneed, the Daniel Circle Chapel Music Ministry and local groups the Rev. Matthew Mickens & The New Highway Travelers and On 1 Accord Ministry performed.

The collection of acts made for a varied mix of gospel sub-genres, including southern gospel (often called quartet gospel), contemporary and praise and worship.

Local gospel station 95.3 FM broadcast from the event, with announcer Jackie Dixon serving as the event’s host.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harry Reed, 171st Infantry Brigade, said the idea of having the concert was to do something that would draw the Fort Jackson and local community, specifically young people.

“Music is a neutral language. Everybody knows it,” he said.

Many on-post concerts are aimed at training Soldiers, he said, and he wanted to reach beyond that demographic.

“I wanted to try to reach the permanent party (Soldiers) and the surrounding community,” he said.

Sneed, who cofounded his own record company with his wife, said Fort Jackson is just one of the military installations he has visited recently.

“It seems like the Lord is leading me in the direction of the military families and Soldiers,” he said. “I have really enjoyed the camaraderie.”

Sgt. 1st Class Vernell Hall, with the Drill Sergeant School, attended the concert with his two children and wife Candace.

“We weren’t really familiar with Troy Sneed, but we came to praise God and what better place to praise God,” said Candace Hall.

Her husband added, “We came out to hear the word of God through music. We enjoyed the concert.”

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CAMPAIGN PLAN FOCUS



Religious support programs for Soldiers and family members are recognized in the Fort Jackson campaign plan as major objectives (5.7 and 6.6 on the strategy map). Religious support is considered an important aspect of quality of life, one of the campaign plan’s three lines of operation.



Photos by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Above, the Rev. Matthew Mickens, joined by the New Highway Travelers band, sings during Saturday’s gospel concert on Darby Field.



Above, Grammy-nominated singer Troy Sneed sings “Work it Out,” one of his most well-known songs. Left, Candace Hall sings along.

FMWR brings family fun to Army Birthday events

By **CHARLES STOUDEMIRE**

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports Division will host Family Sports Day at Twin Lakes Recreation area Saturday. The event, an opportunity for units and families to enjoying sporting activities, is being held in conjunction with the Army Birthday.

Sports will include beach volleyball, horseshoes, bean bag toss, kickball and Frisbee golf. Staff members will be on hand to help with the rules.

The event is broken down in two time periods. From 9 a.m. to noon, units will compete for Commander's Cup points. From noon to 5 p.m., families can participate in a variety of games.

Participating agencies include the Fort Jackson Fire Department, complete with fire trucks and Sparky the Fire Dog, Emergency Medical Services with displays, the Fort

Jackson Library and Child, Youth, and School Services. CYSS will also have inflatables and children's activities.

"We wanted to provide Fort Jackson with a fun day in which everyone could participate in a sports activity no matter their age and ability," said Cindi Keene, sports coordinator. "This will be a wonderful way to kick off the summer and bring the community together."

Families are encouraged to take a picnic lunch. Concessions, including hot dogs, chips and drinks, will also be available for purchase.

The day will conclude with a free movie, "Race to Witch Mountain." The movie will begin at 8 p.m. or dark, whichever comes first. Take chairs or blankets.

Call Chuck Stoudemire, 751-0891 or Cindi Keene, 751-3096 for information.

Units wanting to participate should call Cindi Keene at 751-3096 to register. Families do not need to register, just show up and have a great day.

FMWR calendar

TODAY

- ☐ Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
- ☐ Magraders Pub and Club is open for lunch.
- ☐ Visit the Officers' Club 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for specials or the buffet.

TOMORROW

- ☐ Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the Youth Services Center.
- ☐ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at Magraders Club, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magraders Club is located in the back of Magraders Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ☐ Fish fry at the Officers' Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- ☐ Family Golf Night, 5-7 p.m., Fort Jackson Golf Club.

SATURDAY

- ☐ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the Youth Services Center.
- ☐ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the NCO Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Live broadcast from the BIG DM 103.1 with giveaways, 9:30-11 p.m.
- ☐ Sports Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Twin Lakes.
- ☐ Free movie — Race to Witch Mountain, 8 p.m., Twin Lakes.

SUNDAY

- ☐ Family day at the Youth Services Center, 2-6 p.m.
- ☐ Traditional brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Officers' Club.
- ☐ Army Soldier Show, 7 p.m., Solomon Center.

MONDAY


- ☐ The NCO Club offers a full lunch buffet Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for \$7.

WEDNESDAY

- ☐ Karaoke night with Tom Marable at Magraders Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

ONGOING OFFERS

- ☐ The Officers' Club is ready to host your next special event. The club's professional staff will ensure every detail is addressed so your event will be to your specifications.
- ☐ The NCO Club breakfast is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4-10 years old.
- ☐ Enjoy resort accommodations for between two and six people with the Armed Forces Vacation Club for less than one would pay for most hotels. For details of resort availability, call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988. Be sure to say you are a first-time Armed Forces vacation caller. A vacation counselor will take your enrollment and help you find an available resort. Fort Jackson is installation number 164.1.
- ☐ Victory Travel has special offers for a variety of dinner shows and attractions. Currently offered are discounted tickets to Carowinds, \$30 per ticket, and Six Flags, \$27 per ticket, for the 2009 season. Some offers require reservations. For more information, visit Victory Travel in the Solomon Center.
- ☐ Child, Youth and School Services provides free child care and youth programming on Saturdays for active-duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements. The free child care is also available to parents who are in the National Guard or Reserve during battle training assembly. In addition, child and youth programming is available to other parents at an hourly or daily rate.



No One Vacations Alone

Before you go:

- Lock all doors and windows throughout the house before departing and at the hotel while on the road.
- Unplug most electronic items especially those that are expensive or may have valuable data on them.
- Suspend your newspaper and mail delivery.
- Leave a radio or a low watt light on in the house.
- Do a **TRIPS** report and discuss your travels with your supervisor.
- Contact local law enforcement about a house watch service.

Chaplain recalls path to making history

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

Muslims, Jews and Christians usually worship on different days in different places. But the celebration of a U.S. Army Chaplain Corps pioneer brought members of the three faith groups together at the Main Post Chapel Friday.

Chaplain Abdul-Rasheed Muhammad, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in a ceremony that Chaplain (Col.) Samuel Boone, US-ACHCS commandant, called historic.

Muhammad has been an imam since 1978 and became the first Muslim chaplain in the armed forces in 1994.

“After the Gulf War, there had been a number of people who had converted to Islam,” Muhammad said. “There was an obvious need for subject matter experts and religious accommodations for the Islamic faith.”

Before DoD could accept Muslim chaplains into the armed forces, an endorsing agency had to be agreed upon. All military chaplains are representatives of a faith group that endorses the chaplain’s ministry and is accepted by the military.

When the Islamic Society of North America was established as the first Islamic endorsing body, Muhammad submitted his paperwork and ultimately was accepted.

Muhammad said being the first Muslim chaplain was not a big concern to him.

“I never thought of it as being a really big



Photo by STEVEN HOOVER, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

Chaplain Abdul-Rasheed Muhammad is promoted to lieutenant colonel in a ceremony Friday at the Main Post Chapel. Muhammad was the first Muslim chaplain in the armed forces. Pinning on his new rank were his wife Saleemah and Brig. Gen. Donald Rutherford, deputy chief of chaplains.

deal,” he said. “I’ve always wanted to be a chaplain. So, when I had a chance to be a chaplain, it didn’t matter to me whether I was the sixth or the tenth. Becoming a chaplain was what was important. ... I’m just thankful to serve and to be a chaplain in the Army Chaplain Corps.”

Before becoming an Army chaplain, Muhammad served as a chaplain for the De-

partment of Corrections in New York State. He also served as an enlisted Soldier in the Army from 1982-1985.

Muhammad said that his prior experience, both as a Soldier and as a civilian chaplain, helped pave the way for him to become an Army chaplain.

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Talib Shareef, stationed at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., has

been a friend of Muhammad’s since the 1980s. Both were active in the Islamic military community in the Washington area while stationed there. Shareef, who is also an imam, said he was not surprised when Muhammad was selected to be the first Muslim chaplain.

“He was the perfect fit to be the first,” Shareef said. “He had the background. He had the training. ... He had the (academic) degrees — that opened the way up for him. And he was a person that would accept diversity.”

Muhammad said he is grateful for the opportunity to represent Islam in the military, especially after 9/11.

“Since 9/11, all of our lives have been changed,” he said. “I think there’s been a certain degree of attention — and pressure — placed on Muslim Americans. But I think it’s also enabled us a certain degree of opportunity to represent our religion the way that it should be represented.

“As a Soldier, and also as a chaplain, it’s given me the opportunity to represent my faith on a daily personal basis as well as professionally. I try to take every opportunity to ensure that here at our corps we have the most accurate and correct information that represents Islam.

“We (members of the chaplain corps) are the ones who represent religious support — morale, morals, ethics. I think we have to have good representation from all the faith groups — not just Muslims, but from Christians and Jews and others.”

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Meeting gives chance to voice concerns

Fort Jackson community members have an opportunity to share issues and concerns at this month's Installation Action Council meeting.

The meeting is scheduled from 2:30-4:30 p.m., June 22, in the Post Conference Room, Building 4375.

The purpose of the council is to vet issues submitted by the community through the Community FIRST quarterly issues resolution process and the annual Army Family Action Plan conference. Because of the partnership between Customer Management Services and AFAP, the Installation Action Council also serves as the AFAP steering committee.

Directorates and organizations resolve local issues that are within their capabilities. For those not within their capability or that require additional resources, they formulate and present recommendations to the IAC. Issues that require higher level resolution are considered for forwarding to the AFAP Program Manager who staffs and submits them to the commanding general.

Installation Action Council membership comprises but is not limited to, garrison staff leadership, organization representation (Moncrief Army Community Hospital, DENTAC, AAFES, commissary), corporate-level unit leadership (brigade representation), and constituents (active and reserve Soldiers, single Soldiers, retirees, family members, civilian employees).

The makeup of the council is a representation of all units and constituent groups in the community, thereby ensuring that both corporate and constituent elements are empowered.

At the upcoming council meeting, all Community FIRST/AFAP active issues will be addressed — including April submissions, constituent focus groups, and the 2009 AFAP Conference. The meeting is open to the public.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CORNER

By **VERONICA PATRICK**
Community FIRST Coordinator



Those in attendance vote on the issues. Some of those issues include:

- Parking hazard on Stuart Avenue
- Designated family readiness center
- Computers with CAC access for visiting Soldiers
- Central Issue Facility process
- Designated building for SRP processing
- Living arrangements for NCOs (corporal and sergeant)
- Streamlining TRICARE/MACH in-processing
- Insurance coverage for orthodontics
- Expanding access to information for retirees and veterans living outside the Midlands area

After discussion, council representatives may vote to have an issue remain active, deemed unattainable, prioritized for completion with garrison resources, or forwarded to the AFAP program manager. The military community is urged to attend the IAC meeting and voice its opinion about the issues listed above, as well as other important community-related issues.

The Installation Action Council meets each quarter. Questions and requests for more information regarding the council and the Community FIRST process may be di-

rected to Customer Management Services at 751-3425 or 751-4926.

Let your voice be heard!

ICE APPRECIATION

The garrison congratulates the Directorate of Information Management, specifically the Video Teleconferencing Center and the Help Desk. They earned a 5.0 and a 4.89 percent rating, respectively, of a possible 5.0 in employee/staff attitude for a 12-week period. This is an outstanding performance in customer service.

All community members are encouraged to actively participate in the issue resolution process by submitting issues through these four methods — ICE, Community FIRST, Customer Assessment, and AFAP. This will improve customer service and overall quality of life for all who live, work, train and recreate on Fort Jackson. Questions regarding the processes can be directed to CMS at 751-3425.

A complete list of Community FIRST issues, including those that have been forwarded through AFAP channels, can be found on the Customer Management Services Web site: <http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/wellbeing.htm>. New issues may be submitted on the site as well, by clicking on "Submit an Issue or Recommendation" or on the Community FIRST/AFAP Logo.

Whether it affects individuals and constituent groups here at the installation level or throughout the Army, feedback is important.

Soldiers helping students



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from Company B, Training Support Battalion, assisted Lingle Middle School with its field day event May 22. The Soldiers helped coordinate and execute activities such as relay races and a water balloon toss as part of the Recruiting and Retention School's community outreach program.

CPAC CORNER

Merit system principles

Personnel management is based on and embodies the merit system principles. The merit system principles are the public's expectations of a system that is efficient, effective, fair, open to all, free from political interference, and staffed by honest, competent and dedicated employees.

As DA experiences change in the management of human resources (centralization, deregulation, delegation, etc.), it becomes increasingly important that line supervisors and managers incorporate the merit system principles into every decision process they use.

LEADER DEADLINES

☐ Article submissions are due two weeks before the scheduled publication. For example, an article for the June 25 *Leader* must be submitted by today.

☐ Send submissions to FJleader@conus.army.mil.

Recurring meetings

WEEKLY

Walking away stress
Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street, 751-6325.

Play group
Mondays, 10-11:45 a.m., 5615 Hood St., Room 8, for children 4 and younger, 751-1071/6304.

Range control briefing
Mondays and Fridays, 1 p.m., Education Center, Room 302, 751-7171.

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol)
Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Owens Field, main conference room. E-mail *tom.alsup@gmail.com* or visit *www.scwg.cap.gov*.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength
Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. Open to combat veterans and their family members, 751-2160/2183.

Medical Board Office
Closed Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 751-0359/7152 or 7318.

Protestant Women of the Chapel
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Main Post Chapel, Bible study and fellowship. Home schoolers are welcome. Free child care is available. E-mail *pwocjackson@yahoo.com*.

Military Widows/Widowers Association
Sundays, 2 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, eighth floor, 787-2469.

MONTHLY

Ladies Auxiliary
Second Sunday of the month, 3 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.

Fort Jackson Bass Club
First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Joe E. Mann Center. Open to active duty, retirees, DoD civilians, reservists, veterans and family members. Visit *www.jacksonanglers.com*.

Seabees
Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, 755-7792 or 755-0300.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Second Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., 534 S. Beltline Blvd., 782-5943 or 782-0148.

La Leche League breastfeeding support group
First Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, 5615 Hood St., Room 8, 751-5256/6325.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club
First Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Post Conference Room, *www.jackson.army.mil/360/SA MC/home.htm*.

American Legion Post 182
First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Officers' Club, 351-2333.

National Federation of Federal Employees
Second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 4405 Forney St., first floor, 751-2622 or *NFFE@conus.army.mil*.

Disabled American Veterans
Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 796-7122.

Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202
Third Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m., 2620 Lee Road, 482-4456.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4262
Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614 or 447-2320.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303
Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 312-4895.

Purple Heart #402
Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 6, 200 Pickens St., 351-2333.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers
First and third Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m., 4405 Jackson Blvd., 751-1148.

Victory Riders Motorcycle Club
First and third Thursdays of the month, 5 p.m., Magruder's Club. E-mail *sec@fjvictoryriders.com*.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group
Second and fourth Monday of the month, noon, Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel St.
Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St., ground level, Meeting Room 2.

Society of American Military Engineers
Fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., 254-0518 or 765-0320.

MEDPROS training
Third Friday of the month, 1-4 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 9-83. E-mail *Jaclynne.Smith@amedd.army.mil*.

Retired Enlisted Association
Third Friday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Moncrief Army Community Hospital, third floor, call 740-2319 or e-mail *jrodgers11@sc.rr.com*.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV
Third Saturday of the month, except July and August, 11 a.m., DAV Headquarters 511 Violet St., West Columbia, 260-1067.

U.S. Navy Sea Cadets
Third weekend of the month, for 11-18 year olds, 622-8707.

Fort Jackson Spouses' Club
Monthly meetings, visit *www.fortjacksonspousesclub.com* or e-mail *Ft.JacksonSpousesclub@yahoo.com*.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Gandy-Griffin Post 4262
Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614 or 447-2320.

The Ladies Auxiliary Post 4262
Second Sunday of the month, 5 p.m., 5821 North Main St., 754-1614.

American Red Cross
New adult volunteers orientation is the second Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon, 2179 Sumter Ave., 571-4329.

Combat Vets Motorcycle Association
Third Sunday of the month at noon. Call (774) 451-7504, e-mail *armyaguiar@yahoo.com* or visit *www.combat-vet.org*.

SUBMISSIONS

To submit a recurring meeting, e-mail the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to *fjleader@conus.army.mil*.

Calendar

Saturday
Fort Jackson Sports Day
9 a.m.-noon, unit competitions
Noon-5 p.m., family competitions
8 p.m., Free movie — “Race to Witch Mountain.”

Wednesday
Industry Day business expo
Noon-4 p.m., Solomon Center
Free event.
Call 733-1153 for information.

Shred Day
9 a.m.-1 p.m., Recycling Center
5671 Lee Rd. (near Burger King)
Bring all sensitive and personal items for shredding.

Thursday, June 18
Installation Action Council meeting
2-4 p.m., Post Conference Room
All community members can attend. For more information, call 751-4926.

Friday, June 19
MACH NCO Induction Ceremony
3:30 p.m., NCO Club
Speaker: Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall
Commanders and command sergeants major RSVP at *Eric.Mason@amedd.army.mil*.

Sunday, July 12
Sunday Worship Concert series
9:30-11 a.m., Solomon Center
Philip Bardowell performing.

Announcements

USACHCS STAFFING
The U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School will be operating at minimum staff noon-5 p.m., Wednesday because of the school’s summer cookout. Call 413-8189 in case of emergency.

THRIFT SHOP UPDATE
The Thrift Shop will be closed in July. Starting Aug.1, the shop will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. It will no longer be open Saturdays.
The Thrift Shop is also hiring a consignment clerk. For more information, or to apply, call 787-2153 Tuesdays or Thursdays.

PAIO OFFICE RELOCATION
Plans, Analysis and Integration Office (PAIO) and Customer Management Services has moved. The new address is 4356 Hardee St.

COMBAT VETERANS STUDY
Dorn VA researchers are conducting a study of new treatments for OIF/OEF veterans who have problems with stress, anxiety, disturbed sleep, nightmares, etc.

The five-week study involves no drugs, and eligible participants will receive \$600 for completing the study. For more information, call 777-7296/9929 or e-mail *Stanistr@mailbox.sc.edu*.

MARION AVENUE CLOSED
Marion Avenue is closed to vehicles between Engineer Road and Semmes Road while undergoing repair.
The construction is expected to take 30 days to complete.
Large vehicles and trucks will be diverted from Marion Avenue to Washington Road to Lee Road to Strom Thurmond Boulevard. Regular traffic will be diverted from Marion Avenue to Engineer Road to Warehouse Road to Semmes Road.

BCT MUSEUM CLOSED
The U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Museum (formerly the Fort Jackson Museum) is closed for renovation. Renovations include new restrooms, increase in gallery space and a new collection facility. Check the *Leader* for monthly updates. Call 751-6579/7419 information.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is accepting applications until Monday. Palmetto Fellows may receive up to \$6,700 their freshman year. Visit *www.che.sc.gov* for eligibility requirements.

CIF CLOSURE
The Central Issue Facility, including classification, will be closed June 15-19 for inventory and will reopen June 22. Personnel who planned to clear that week need to do so before inventory.

SALEM ROAD CLOSURE
Salem Road is closed to automobile and pedestrian traffic from Winston Road to Cobb’s Pond Road until Aug. 16 while the bridge is being replaced.

LATINA STYLE MAGAZINE AWARD
Submissions for the 2009 LATINA Style Magazine distinguished service award are being accepted until Tuesday. Military service members and DoD civilian employees. For information, contact 751-2990 or e-mail *Janeen.Simmons@conus.army.mil*.

NOMAR AWARD
The National Organization for Mexican American Rights is accepting submissions for its Meritorious Service Award until Tuesday. Military service members and DoD civilian employees. Contact 751-2990 or e-mail *Janeen.Simmons@conus.army.mil* for information.

AAFES CONTEST
Fort Jackson AAFES will be giving away one “Step 2” children’s playhouse as part of a worldwide AAFES contest. Authorized AAFES shoppers can register at the PX through June 25 for a chance to win the playhouse.

School notes

Thursday, June 18
Richland Northeast military open house
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Richland Northeast High School
All entering Fort Jackson RNE students and families are invited. Call 751-6150 or 699-2800, ext. 0 for information.

CDC APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED
Clemson Road Child Development Center is offering a free program for 4 year olds. Call Debbie Brady at 699-2536. Spears Creek Road CDC is offering a tuition-based program for 3 and 4 year olds. Call Sabina Mosso-Taylor at 865-5355. Applications can be downloaded from *www.richland2.org*.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY
Richland Two is now verifying addresses of all K-12 students. Addresses must be verified prior to Aug. 3. All kindergartners and students new to the district must provide three documents verifying residency. Currently enrolled students must provide one verifying document. Acceptable proof includes: current electric bill, water bill, cable/satellite bill and lease agreement. Waiting until the deadline can delay student enrollment. Visit *www.richland2.org* for information, or contact your child’s school or Roger Wiley, district registrar, 738-3314.

HIGH SCHOOL STABILITY
Senior Stabilization Policy — Soldiers can request to remain at their current duty location until a child has graduated high school. Requests are accepted through Sept. 1 of junior year. Late applications may be accepted. However, once the Soldier has orders, no applications can be made. Soldiers can submit a DD Form 4187 through the chain of command.
For more information, call 703-325-4422/5191 or contact the school liason officer at 751-6150.

CoC/CoR ceremonies

Tomorrow
Change of Command,
U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion
9 a.m., Officers’ Club
Lt. Col. Antonio McKoy relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Charlester White.

Wednesday
Change of Command,
1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Battalion
10 a.m., Officers’ Club
Lt. Col. Scott Heintzelman relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Charles Krumwiede.

Tuesday, June 23
Change of Command,
3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment
9 a.m., Officers’ Club
Lt. Col. Randall Harris relinquishes command to Lt. Col. Benjamin Higginbotham.

Pets of the Week



Photo by OITHIP PICKERT

Two 9-week-old kittens, various colors, are looking for a home. For information on pet adoption or other services, call the Veterinary Clinic at 751-7160.

Wednesday, July 1
Change of Command
Student Support Institute
9 a.m., Officers’ Club
Brig. Gen. Richard Mustion will relinquish command to Col. Mark McAlister.

Housing events

Monday
National Candy Day
Stop by the office to celebrate.

Friday, June 19
Father’s Day Outing
Enjoy a full day of fun celebrating dads.

Every Tuesday
Walking club
9 a.m., Strollers are welcome.

Every Thursday
Kids Day
10 a.m., Themed activities for children younger than school age.

All events are held in the Balfour Beatty Communities management office unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Courtney Williams at 738-8275.

Off-post events

Saturday
Palmetto Painters
Meeting and White Elephant sale
10 a.m., Green Hill Baptist Church, 1734 Augusta Rd.
www.PalmettoPainters.com or 781-2340.

BLACK MUSIC MONTH
Richland County Public Library is celebrating Black Music Month with two performances. Hip-hop artist Sheem One will perform Tuesday at 7 p.m. and blues artist Drink Small will perform Tuesday, June 23 at 7 p.m.
Both performances will be in the Main Library, Bostick Auditorium.

Putting an end to headache pain

By KELLY L. FORYS
U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

Aching, pulsing, throbbing, stabbing — headaches can really be a pain. Headaches can range from being a minor nuisance to a debilitating pain. Although headaches are common, they can sometimes be a sign that something is wrong. There are many different types of headaches, and they occur for a variety of reasons. It is important to identify the type of headache you have so that you can get the proper treatment. The most common types of recurrent headaches are:

TENSION HEADACHES
These headaches often produce mild to moderate pain over the entire head, with pain concentrating at the back of the neck or base of the skull. Tension headaches can seem to occur without an identifiable

cause, but they frequently happen during times of stress and tension. Treatment for this type of headache often includes over-the-counter pain relievers. However, a doctor can determine if a more powerful remedy is required.

MIGRAINE HEADACHES
In addition to pain in the head, migraine headaches are often accompanied by nausea, sensitivity to light and sound, and numbness and/or tingling. These headaches are more complex and most always require a physician’s assistance.

SINUS/ALLERGY HEADACHES
Allergy and sinus headaches often co-occur with an infection in the sinuses, a fever, and pain or throbbing behind the eyes and at the temples. Over-the-counter medicine can help in some cases. However, if the headache is the result of an infection, the patient should be accessed by a physician. Headaches can occur during the adjustment to a new environment, such as when

you are deployed or when you return from a deployment. The change in air temperature, humidity and stress can produce headaches. Headaches can also occur after staring at the computer screen for long periods of time or from holding your posture in an unusual way. Headaches happen more frequently during times of stress when your muscles become tense and your breathing is rapid and shallow. Sudden onset headaches may occur for reasons such as thirst, hunger or caffeine withdrawal, or can result as a side effect from taking prescription medications. Prevention is the best medicine. Here are some tips for preventing headaches:

- ☐ Stay well-hydrated.
- ☐ Eat meals at regular intervals to maintain steady blood sugar.
- ☐ Get adequate rest.
- ☐ Take breaks throughout the day to relax your body.
- ☐ Take a few deep breaths when you feel tense and stressed.

Hospital DFAC getting facelift

The Moncrief Army Community Hospital dining facility will close June 22 for renovations. Hospital staff and visitors will be able to access the mobile kitchen that will be located outside the third floor entrance of the hospital. The mobile kitchen will offer a variety of menu items. Hours are: Monday-Friday: breakfast — 7:30-10:45 a.m.; lunch — 11:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.; dinner — 5-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday: breakfast 8-11:15 a.m.; lunch — noon-4:15 p.m.; dinner — 5-5:30 p.m. The seating area of the dining facility will be open 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. IET/AIT Soldiers will be served ready-to-eat meals in the dining hall.

MACH celebrates men’s health

By KENNETH COBB
Moncrief Army Community Hospital

To better help men in their quest for good health, Moncrief Army Community Hospital’s Department of Preventive Medicine is promoting National Men’s Health Week. In support of this observance, there will be a men’s health information table at the Main Post Exchange on Tuesday and at the commissary Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The purpose of this observance is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. The primary theme of the observance is health prevention and early detection of such diseases as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, heart disease and mental health disturbances. Studies show that men are much less aware of health-related issues than are women. There is no time like the present for men to become more aware of healthier lifestyles. Men can start down the road to better health by simply scheduling a physical exam with their doctor and dentist. Why is it so important to set aside a

time for men to focus on their health? In the U.S., men do not live as long as women on average. The Centers for Disease Control and Preventive Medicine lists the life expectancy for men as 75.6 years and 80.7 years for women. So why do women live longer than men? There are a number of possible reasons. Some argue that men are more likely than women to engage in risky and violent behavior, ultimately raising men’s death rate. Others argue that the reason is the late onset of cardiovascular disease, like heart attack and stroke, in women. Women usually develop these problems in their 70s and 80s, while men tend to develop them in their 50s and 60s. Still others argue that men ignore health problems and do not seek medical care as often as women. Whatever the reason, men can close the life expectancy gap by incorporating healthier behaviors into their lives. Men can increase their longevity and improve their quality of life if they exercise, eat right, reduce stress, avoid risky behavior, and get regular medical check-ups. Extending one’s life is good, but having that quality of life associated with good health is great.

MACH updates

CATARACT SCREENING
The Moncrief Army Community Hospital Ophthalmology Clinic will conduct quick cataract evaluations June 19 and July 24 for all beneficiary categories, including active-duty family members, retirees and retiree family members. To schedule an appointment, call 751-5406. Patients do not need a referral to schedule an appointment.

NCO INDUCTION CEREMONY
There will be an NCO Induction Ceremony 3:30 p.m., June 19 at the NCO Club. This event is open to everyone. Command sergeants major and commanders are considered VIPs and should please RSVP by e-mail with Sgt. 1st Class Eric Mason at Eric.Mason@amedd.army.mil or call 751-0460.

APPOINTMENT CANCELLATION
A phone number has been established for patients wishing to cancel their appointments after duty hours. To cancel your appointment after duty hours call 751-2904. During duty hours, from 7:30 a.m. to

4 p.m., call 751-CARE (2273) to cancel an appointment.

MACH CLASSES SCHEDULE
Diabetes: Monday, 8 a.m.-noon
Cholesterol and High Blood Pressure: June 18, 2-3 p.m., June 25, 2-3 p.m.
Active Duty Weigh to Stay: June 22, 1-3 p.m.
All classes are in Room 8-85. For appointments or registration call 751-2363 with a referral or 751-CARE without a referral or call the nutrition clinic at 751-2489.

ARMY MOVE CLASSES
Army Move! and Sports Nutrition classes are now being offered online. Army Move! is a new DoD program designed to help Soldiers lose weight, keep it off and improve their health. To register, visit Army Knowledge Online at www.us.army.mil. After logging in with your AKO username and password, go to the “Self Service” icon and click on “My Medical.” Scroll down to “Ultimate Warrior Community” and register for the Army Move! or HOOAH Bodies communities.

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FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Lt. Col. Ronald F. Taylor
Director,
Emergency Services/Provost Marshal
Sgt. Maj. Allen Taylor Jr.
Provost Sergeant Major
Billy Forrester
Fire Chief

CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ A Soldier accidentally discharged a weapon at the range while clearing it, Military Police said. No one was injured and no charges were filed.

❑ Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel blocked off a side street after responding to a suspicious package report, MPs said. EOD cleared the area then determined the package posed no danger.

❑ A Soldier was issued a citation for playing loud music in his vehicle outside the Single Soldier Complex, MPs said.

TIP OF THE WEEK

With school out, children will have plenty of time on their hands.

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous activities offered both on and off the installation to keep their children engaged and safe this summer.

Fort Jackson has a strict policy on child supervision. Parents must be familiar with and abide by this policy.

Fort Jackson policy memorandum 5-3 states that no child kindergarten age or younger should be left unattended at anytime. Children within this group require



close supervision. Keep them under direct visual and auditory contact.

Elementary school children (through grade 6) may be permitted to play outside unattended as long as the parent or responsible caregiver is in the home, and provides watchful and responsible supervision.

Junior high/middle school youth (grades 7-8) may be left unattended during daylight hours and into early evening up to four hours. High school youth (grades 9-12) are usually considered appropriate caregivers for themselves during an overnight absence as long as the sponsor is within a 50-mile radius.

During the summer, children are considered to be in the grade they just completed — not their next grade. Parents should take the time to review this policy in its entirety to ensure they understand the requirements.

Failure to comply with this policy can result in a letter of warning, loss of access to the installation, or termination of government quarters. In certain cases, the parent could be reported to the appropriate child welfare agency and criminal charges could be filed.

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www.midlandscrimestoppers.com

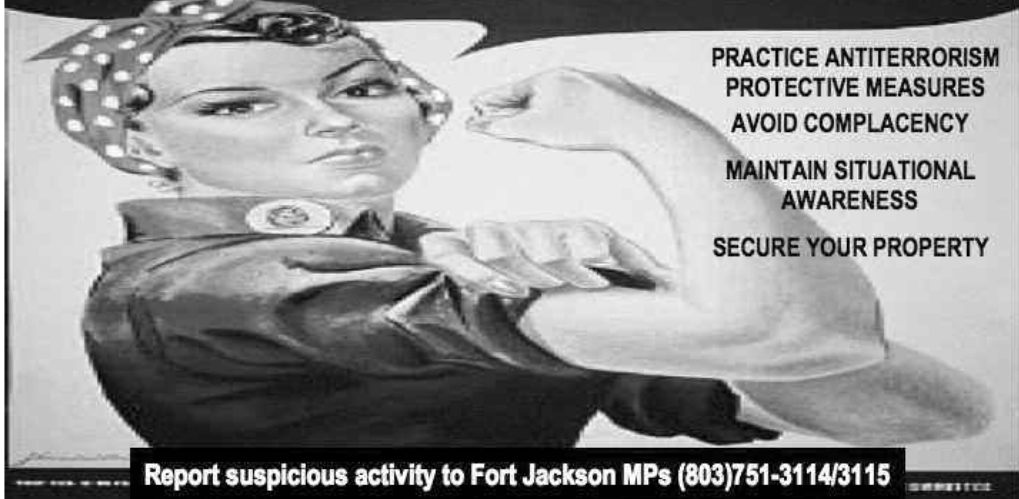
Citations issued in May

Speeding 1-9 mph over	19
Speeding 10-19 mph over	45
Speeding 20+ miles over	2
Driving too fast for conditions	1
No driver's license in possession	13
Driving under suspension	15
Expired driver's license	1
Failure to surrender driver's license	1
Expired vehicle registration	24
Suspended registration	1
No registration in possession	19
No vehicle registration	8
Failure to surrender suspended tags	1
Expired tag	12
Use of tag on another vehicle	1
No proof of insurance	29
Uninsured vehicle	6
Failure to yield	4
Improper start of motor vehicle	2
Improper stop, standing or parking	3
Prohibited parking	11
Improper Turn	1
Seat belt violation	5
Cell phone violation	9
Improper backing	3
Failure to obey traffic control device	16
Following too closely	1
Backing up the wrong way on road	1
Car wreck/damage to government property	1
Car wreck	1
Driving under the influence	3
Driving with an unlawful alcohol concentration	1
Vehicle noise violation	4
Riding bicycle on roadway	1
Riding bicycle without reflective gear	1
Failure to control pets	2
No fishing permit/license	2

Total: 270

FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We Can Do It!



PRACTICE ANTITERRORISM
PROTECTIVE MEASURES
AVOID COMPLACENCY
MAINTAIN SITUATIONAL
AWARENESS
SECURE YOUR PROPERTY

Report suspicious activity to Fort Jackson MPs (803)751-3114/3115

No One Buckles Up Alone

The Army lost 74 Soldiers in FY 2008 to both day and night fatal POV accidents. Of those drivers and passengers, 43 percent were reported as not wearing their seat belts.

Make sure you and your passengers buckle up!



God shows way out of ‘lifeless present’

By CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) TIMOTHY MALLARD
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

“Why has God allowed this to happen?”

In the face of evil, tragedy or suffering, have you ever heard someone ask that question? Perhaps you have asked the question yourself.

It expresses a real human need to have meaning and perspective restored in the wake of a trauma. If this long war has taught us anything about our Army — which includes Soldiers and families — it is that we can sometimes be so emotionally overwhelmed that we feel trapped in the past and unable to move toward the future.

This has been my experience in my own struggles with combat stress. Though I redeployed from combat several years ago, I carry that deployment in my soul and will never completely leave it behind.

Besides human feelings alone, what does our faith teach us on this issue? The question is a fair one, and in my opin-

ion, any faith that cannot address the difficulties of life is not one worth having. When the initial question is expanded, the core issue is this: What do we do with evil and human suffering, and is God present, absent or powerless in its midst?

From my tradition as a Christian pastor, let me offer several thoughts from the Bible.

First, since the fall of mankind, evil is not an occasional exception but a normal condition of life. The evidence of this is that we all suffer a physical death (Ecclesiastes 9:1-3).

Second, despite the general condition of evil, we also sin and can never completely distance ourselves from our own disobedience toward God (Romans 3:22b-23; 7:14-24).

Third, despite this separation, God has heard our cries and has promised to redeem us for his glory (Jeremiah 31:18-20; 31-34).

Fourth, God has acted on his promise by submitting his

own son to atone for our sins and to reclaim us who believe in him (1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 20-26; 1 Peter 2:9-10).

Fifth, as Jesus’ disciples, we can expect that although we shall continue to suffer in this fallen world, our suffering is never an end unto itself — it leads to a deeper hope in God (Romans 5:1-5).

Sixth, this hope transcends human circumstance and points us toward God’s end of human history at Christ’s return (Revelation 19:11-16).

We know that life is hard sometimes, and that our pain can be very real — even debilitating. However, we do not have to remain trapped in a lifeless present. We can persevere to a hope-filled future founded on God’s grace, mercy, love and power.

Have you prayed for such a future?

My prayer is that God will answer your prayer through the words of Jesus: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7).



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)
7:45 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next, USACHCS, Fox/Poling Lab.
 - Wednesday
6 p.m., Prayer Service Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel
- Protestant Bible Study**
- Monday

- 7 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (PWOC — Main Post Chapel, Class 209)
- Wednesday
7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation’s Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
- Thursday
9:30 a.m.-noon Women’s Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday
8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

- Saturday
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (third Saturday)
- Sunday
5 p.m. Main Post Chapel

CATHOLIC

- Monday-Friday
11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
8 a.m. Mass (MG Robert B. Solomon Center)
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Mass (120th AG Battalion Chapel)

- 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

LUTHERAN/EPISCOPALIAN

- Sunday
8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

JEWISH

- Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
9:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

Government vehicles for official use only

By **FELIPE PINERO**

Assistant Inspector General

While driving a government vehicle from the field to battalion, Sgt. Jones decided to stop at the PX and get a box of crayons for his daughter. Can Sgt. Jones use the vehicle for this purpose?

According to AR 58-1, official motor vehicles cannot be used for personal errands or side trips for unofficial purposes.

A Soldier on TDY status does not solely justify the use of a government vehicle. Use of government vehicles shall always be predicated on need, distance, and other conditions that justify their use.

When an adequate DoD or commercial bus system is available, the use of any individual motor vehicle or commercial rental car is prohibited. Official use while on TDY includes transportation between places where the member's presence is required for official business and between such

places and temporary lodging.

When public transportation is impractical, travel to eating establishments, drugstores, place of worship, barber shops, cleaning establishments and similar places required for the sustenance, comfort or health of the member is authorized.

Using a DoD-owned or leased vehicle for transportation to or from entertainment or recreational facilities is prohibited.

Military personnel who willfully use or authorize the use of a government vehicle for other than an official purpose, or otherwise violate United States Code 31,1344., can be disciplined under provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice or any other administrative procedures deemed appropriate.

For example: Article 92 — Failure to obey order or regulation, Manual for Courts Martial, Part IV, and 46 c. (2) (b). An example of wrongful appropriation under Article 12, includes “while driving a government vehicle on a mis-

sion to deliver supplies, withholding the vehicle from government service by deviating from the assigned route without authority, to visit a friend in a nearby town and later restore the vehicle to its lawful use.

“Official use precludes use of government vehicles for home-to-work transportation or use at such places as the PX, Shoppette, golf course, Burger King, Officers/NCO clubs and commissary.”

The use of government-owned or leased motor vehicles is restricted to official purposes. Providing a government vehicle solely or even principally to enhance the comfort or convenience of a government officer or employee is not permissible. What is considered an official purpose is a matter of administrative discretion.

For additional guidance, you can review the following: 31 U.S.C., 1344, Passenger motor vehicle and aircraft use, DoD 4500.36R, Management, Acquisition, and Use of Motor Vehicles, AR 58-1, Management, Acquisition, and Use of Administrative Use Motor Vehicles.

Soldiers trade MREs for hot dogs

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Leader staff

More than 3,000 Fort Jackson Soldiers got a break from training Saturday to enjoy a Columbia Blowfish baseball game as the club celebrated military appreciation night.

The Soldiers — members of the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, the 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, the 187th Ordnance Battalion and the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) — were also treated to free hot dogs and sodas.

Pvt. Michael Johnson, Company C, 187th Ord. Bn., is a Pittsburgh native and fan of the Pirates.

“I like to go to the baseball games a lot,” he said. “(Being at this game) is kind of like going home.”

The game, which was free to all military ID card holders, also attracted former service members who wanted to show their appreciation to those who currently serve.

Leon Heying, a Vietnam-era Air Force veteran, who attends a few Blowfish games each season, said he came Saturday to recognize the Soldiers.

“I especially wanted to come tonight,” he said. “I support the military; I always have.”

Before the game, Christian country music artist Eric Horner entertained the crowd. Horner, who has performed at Fort Jackson numerous times, said performing in front of troops allows him to give something back to them.

“Anybody who puts his or her name on the dotted line is a hero to me,” Horner said. “And (performing) is what I can do for them.”

Toward the end of the game, the Soldiers recited the Soldiers’ Creed in unison — to the delight of the civilian fans.

“This is why America rocks,” one yelled from the stands, pointing at the Soldiers.

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Photos by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Above, Brig. Gen. Bradley May, Fort Jackson commanding general, throws out the first pitch during the Columbia Blowfish game Saturday at Capital City Stadium. He was joined on the mound by Fort Jackson Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Stall, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Russell Anderson and Ike McLeese, president of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce and civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army.

Below, Soldiers follow a ball that was fouled over the stands.

Sports shorts

❑ The Rock Climbing Club will have its first meeting, June 22, 6 p.m., at the Youth Services Center. The season runs from June through August. Registration is \$40 for the first child and \$36 for each additional child. The club is for 7 to 18 year olds. Call 751-5040 for information.

❑ The Army 10-miler qualifier is scheduled July 18 at 5:30 a.m. The runners will begin at Patton Stadium Gate on Kershaw and will turn right onto Dixie Drive, go out 5 miles and come back. Call 751-3096 for information.

❑ Small Games, July 23, Magruder’s Pub. The tournament is for active-duty service members only. Register by 3 p.m., July 16. Games include 8-ball, table tennis, arm wrestling, darts and hot shot basketball. Soldiers can participate in one event only. Each battalion can enter up to five Soldiers in each event. For more information, call 751-3096.

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❑ Send your submission or announcement to FJLeader@conus.army.mil. For more information, call 751-7045

CAMPAIGN PLAN FOCUS



Community outreach is recognized in the Fort Jackson campaign plan under 6.3 on the strategy map. Strategic communication is considered an important aspect of quality of life, one of the campaign plan’s three lines of operation.

